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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR

FOR SCHNEIDER FROM MOYNIHAN

1. THANKS FOR YOUR WELCOME REPORT ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVENTION IN THE HARCOS-FLETCHER CASE. AS YOU SAY IT IS WONDROUS HOW MANY THINGS MUST GO ALL THE WAY UP AND RECENTLY A LITTLE DISTURBING HOW LITTLE THIS CAN MEAN. ALSO, IT SOUNDS AS IF WE HAVE DONE ALL WE CAN DO FOR DROBOT, SAVE TO KEEP A SUPPORTIVE EYE ON HIM. WESTINGHOUSE IS A LOT MORE TOLERANT AND UNDERSTANDING THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD BE, WHICH IS AN ADMIRABLE TRAIT, BUT NOT ONE WE CAN PROFESSIONALLY ASSOCIATE WITH.

2. ANTI-INDIAN SENTIMENT IS AT FULL FLOOD IN THE CONGRESS. I WILL DO MY BEST, BUT DOUBT IT WILL BE MUCH. THE DEPARTMENT IS BEING MOST SUPPORTIVE, AND IF WE DO NOTHING ELSE, WE SHOULD BEGIN TO BREAK UP THAT OLD STEREOTYPE ABOUT MEAN PRESIDENTS AND A VAST UNDERSTANDING AND PROGRESSIVE ELECTORATE WHICH BACKS INDIA AND SHARES ITS VIEWS. IT IS TIME THEY LEARNED TO DEAL WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. IT IS ABOUT THE ONLY FRIEND THEY HAVE IN AMERICA.

3. YOU WILL FIND YOUR COUNTRY STILL WATCHING WATERGATE
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TELEVISION, BUT YOU WILL BE HAPPY NONETHELESS - JUST
NOT BEING IN INDIA FOR A BIT. WILL I SEE YOU NEXT WEEK?
NO NEED, BUT I DO HOPE YOU CAN SPEND A WEEK ON YOUR WAY
IN AND A WEEK ON YOUR WAY OUT IN CONSULTATIONS HERE IN
THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY IS DEFINITELY PLANNING A
VISIT EARLY IN SEPTEMBER, AND WE HAVE AN APPROPRIATE
AMOUNT OF ARRANGING TO DO. ALSO, THEY WILL WANT TO PRESS
YOU ON YOUR VIEWS AFTER A FEW YEARS AWAY FROM THE SUB-
CONTINENT. ANY NEWS OF THE MOYNIHAN FAMILY'S WHEREABOUTS?
WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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